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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Dental Education Board (UGPGDEB) of the National Dental Commission.

India stands at a transformative juncture in its healthcare journey. As the world's most populous nation and home to one of the largest dental education systems globally, we have both the opportunity and responsibility to shape a future-ready oral healthcare workforce that can address the diverse needs of our population.

Oral diseases remain among the most prevalent health conditions in India, affecting individuals across all age groups and socioeconomic backgrounds. The burden of dental caries, periodontal diseases, oral cancer, craniofacial anomalies, and emerging oral-systemic health challenges underscores the need for a strong, responsive, and socially accountable dental education system. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate Dental Education Board is committed to ensuring that dental education evolves to meet these contemporary challenges while remaining aligned with **national health priorities** and the aspirations of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

Our vision is to promote competency-based, learner-centric, evidence-informed, and community-oriented dental education that combines scientific excellence with compassion and service. We seek to nurture graduates who are not only skilled clinicians but also researchers, innovators, educators, public health practitioners, and leaders capable of contributing meaningfully to the nation's health and development.

The Board is actively working towards strengthening educational standards, fostering curriculum innovation, promoting research and digital transformation, encouraging interprofessional collaboration, and enhancing community engagement. We envision a system where dental education is closely linked with public health needs, primary healthcare delivery, preventive care, and equitable access to oral healthcare services, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

The future of dental education in India depends upon collaboration among students, faculty, institutions, professional bodies, policymakers, and communities. Together, we can build an educational ecosystem that reflects India's rich diversity, upholds the highest standards of excellence, and prepares dental professionals to serve both the nation and the global community.

I invite all stakeholders to join us in this shared mission of advancing dental education, strengthening oral health, and contributing to a healthier, more prosperous India.

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